

Shaping Utah's History

Directions: using the word bank below, read the paragraphs and fill in the blanks with the correct word(s).

Seagulls	Fremont	Transcontinental
Great Basin	Ensign	Mormon settlers
Pony Express	Irrigation	Jim Bridger
Americans	Engen brothers	Brigham Young
Great Salt Lake		

1. The _____ was a _____ mail service that began on April 3, 1860. Though it could get mail to its destination in ten days, which was much faster than ever before, this mail service shut down after just 18 months of service.
2. When it was clear that _____ were here to stay, _____ tried to defend their land, which led to many battles between the two parties. The fighting continued on and off until the chiefs and braves of local tribes and the Mormon leadership formed a peace treaty.
3. Once the Pioneers had settled, they began to grow crops. A great problem occurred when insects kept eating everything that grew. _____ from the Great Salt Lake flew down and ate the insects, saving the crops.
4. When the early settlers arrived in Utah, _____ tasted the _____ and said that nothing could grow here. The settlers diverted water from streams for _____, so people could grow crops.
5. The _____ built Utah's first ski jump with old mining materials. They changed the focus of Utah's economy from mining to skiing and winter recreation.
6. After the pioneers arrived in the Salt Lake valley, _____ hiked up a nearby peak where he planned the city layout. This peak is called _____ peak.
7. Captain John C. _____ was the first man known to map and describe the American West. Partially because of his map of the _____, Brigham Young was able to bring his followers westward.